

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to said Office Action, to and including April 16, 2007, is transmitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 that are pending in the present application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 10 and 16. No new matter has been added by these claim amendments. Applicant has cancelled claim 6.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Davis et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. US2003/0125754), hereinafter "Davis." Claim 1 provides for a buffing device having a handle portion with at least a portion of a control interface, a head portion with at least a portion of a drive assembly operatively connected to the control interface, and one or more buffing pads being operatively connected to the drive assembly, wherein the one or more buffing pads releasably connect to the drive assembly, and wherein the drive assembly causes the one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction.

Davis relates to an electrical blade-less apparatus for removing body and facial hair by buffing and abrasion. However, Davis does not teach or suggest "wherein said drive assembly causes said one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one

linear direction," as disclosed in claim 1 of the present invention.

Davis describes an electric motor 104 within a housing. "Rotation of motor 104 causes transmission through the gear system 106 to coaxially rotate disk 114 and ring 116 in opposite directions." (Pg. 3; ¶ 0073.) However, Davis does not provide for a buffing device wherein the drive assembly causes the one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction. As such, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claim 1 be withdrawn.

The rejection as to claims 2-5 and 7-9 should also be withdrawn, inasmuch as each of these claims depends, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

Claim 10 provides for a skin buffing device having a handle portion with at least a portion of a control interface, a head portion with at least a portion of a drive assembly operatively connected to the control interface, and one or more rollers being operatively connected to the drive assembly, wherein the one or more rollers releasably connect to the drive assembly and wherein the drive assembly causes the one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction.

As previously noted, Davis relates to an electrical blade-less apparatus for removing body and facial hair by buffing and abrasion. However, Davis does not teach or suggest "wherein said drive assembly causes said one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction," as disclosed in claim 10 of the present invention.

Davis describes an electric motor 104 within a housing. "Rotation of motor 104 causes transmission through the gear system 106 to coaxially rotate disk 114 and ring 116 in opposite directions." (Pg. 3; ¶ 0073.) However, Davis does not provide for a buffing device wherein the drive assembly causes the one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction. As such, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claim 10 be withdrawn.

The rejection as to claims 11-15 should also be withdrawn, inasmuch as each of these claims depends, directly or indirectly, from claim 10.

Claim 16 provides for a buffing device having a handle portion accommodating at least one drive assembly and at least one operating control, one or more buffing heads and one or more arms operatively connecting said one or more buffing heads to the at least one drive assembly wherein the drive assembly causes the one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction.

As previously noted, Davis relates to an electrical blade-less apparatus for removing body and facial hair by buffing and abrasion. However, Davis does not teach or suggest "wherein said drive assembly causes said one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction," as disclosed in claim 16 of the present invention.

Davis describes an electric motor 104 within a housing. "Rotation of motor 104 causes transmission through the gear system 106 to coaxially rotate disk 114 and ring 116 in opposite directions." (Pg. 3; ¶ 0073.)

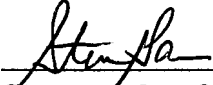
However, Davis does not provide for a buffing device wherein the drive assembly causes the one or more buffing pads to move in at least one rotational direction and at least one linear direction. As such, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claim 16 be withdrawn.

The rejection as to claims 17-20 should also be withdrawn, inasmuch as each of these claims depends, directly or indirectly, from claim 16.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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